

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION SOLE OR JOINT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention titled:

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I HEREBY STATE THAT I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION, INCLUDING THE CLAIMS.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION THAT IS MATERIAL TO THE PATENTABILITY OF THIS APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States applications listed below and, INsofar AS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH OF THE CLAIMS OF THIS APPLICATION IS NOT DISCLOSED IN THE PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATION IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF TITLE 35, UNITED STATES CODE, §112, I ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY TO DISCLOSE MATERIAL INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN TITLE 37, CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, §1.56(a) WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN THE FILING DATE OF THE PRIOR APPLICATION AND THE NATIONAL OR PCT INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION:

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| <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">60/246,686</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">(Application Serial Number)</div> | <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">November 7, 2000</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">(Filing Date)</div> | <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">Pending</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">(STATUS: Patented, Pending, Abandoned)</div> |
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith (List name and registration number).

(LIST SENIOR PATENT COUNSEL AND ATTORNEY HANDLING CASE WITH PATENT OFFICE REGISTRATION NUMBERS.)

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